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AMENDMENT AND ELECTION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2008, please amend the application identified above as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

An Election appears on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.